

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-29 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicant amended Claims 3-4, 11, 16, 21 and 23-24. In the Examiner's Final Rejection, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-10 and 21-29 are allowable. To expedite issuance, the Applicant has canceled Claims 11-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 1-10 and 21-29 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 3-4 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112

Previously, the Examiner rejected Claims 3-4 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. In the previous response, the Applicant responded to this rejection by amending Claims 3-4 and 23-24 to particularly point out the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, the Applicant asserts that this rejection has been sufficiently addressed and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §112, second paragraph, rejection and allow issuance of Claims 3-4 and 23-24.

II. Rejection of Claims 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. RE 34,206 to Sayer. The rejection of Claims 11 and 16, however, is now moot since Claims 11-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite issuance of the application. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 11 and 16 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

III. Rejection of Claims 12-15 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 12-15 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sayer. As discussed above, Claims 11-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite issuance of the application. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent Claims 12-15 and 17-20 is now moot. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103 rejection with respect to Claims 12-15 and 17-20 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

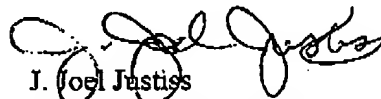
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-10 and 21-29.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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